HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _18__

Introduced by: Stilwell

A RESOLUTION honoring Lisa Wood as the recipient of the Women in Sports Award of Courage.

Whereas, Lisa Wood, a senior at Tecumseh High School, was awarded the Women in Sports Award of Courage for the bravery and determination she displayed in her continuing recovery from brain surgery;

Whereas, Lisa Wood was diagnosed with a benign brain tumor in 2001;

Whereas, Doctors told her that she probably had this

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growth for some time, but that it had become too big to ignore any longer;

Whereas, Lisa Wood underwent her first brain surgery in 2001:

Whereas, After the 17-hour surgery, the doctors informed Lisa Wood's parents that they had been unable to remove the entire tumor;

Whereas, Lisa Wood underwent a second surgery in July 2002;

Whereas, Following the second surgery, Lisa Wood developed complications that resulted in a five-day coma and weakness on her right side;

Whereas, After three months of physical therapy, Lisa Wood returned to the Tecumseh cross country team and finished the season; she also played basketball and ran track that year;

Whereas, Lisa Wood returned to Indianapolis for a third surgery in the summer of 2003, which went well and caused Lisa to miss only about a month of training for cross country;

Whereas, Lisa Wood's doctors believe that she will require one final surgery; and

Whereas, Lisa Wood is an example of courage and determination in the face of all obstacles; she excelled despite adversity and serves as a shining example of fortitude and willpower for her family, fellow students, and friends: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives expresses its sincere congratulations to Lisa Wood and its admiration and respect

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for her accomplishments and her ability to overcome all obstacles placed in her path.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Lisa Wood; her parents, Gordon and Sue; her sisters, Julie and Kathy; and Principal Richard Lance.